

**O. P. T. A. Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, March 07, 2022 at 7:30 PM**

Attendance: Bert Blackburn, Emily Brown, Lori Cantelo, Beau Douglas, Verne Higgs, BJ Jackman, Pam Muma, Ron Rowe

Absent: Bill Drikos, Peter Tsementzis

Bert called the meeting to order at 7:35pm via Zoom conference call.

1. 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Pam made a motion to accept the February 9, 2022 meeting minutes. Lori seconded. *7 in favour, 1 abstention. Carried.*
2. Business arising from Minutes
  1. **Facebook/Website/Twitter:** Lori said that Emily is the primary contact for Facebook page. Emily said all is going well. Beau said he posted some old OPTA results to get familiar with the website. Emily said the “Buy and Sell” section is very active.
  2. **OPTA Shoot Sponsorships** – Beau said that several companies and individuals have come forward to sponsor to our Provincial shoot. Perazzi Canada will be adding money to our Championship Handicap. He said we are at about \$5800 in committed sponsors, plus Perazzi Canada. Lori said she thought it was great that so many companies were on board in these unpredictable times. Bert asked about contacts and Beau said he will continue to reach out to various companies. Emily brought forward a concern about the potential shell shortage and that perhaps we should do as an association to assure people we will have shells available. Beau asked what we should do, and Emily said it is something we should think about and approach HGC about having enough stock and a fair price for the Provincial shoot.
  3. **OPTA Added Money to Clubs:** Bert asked if anyone had any thoughts on the OPTA providing added money to affiliated clubs. Emily asked if they had to simply be affiliate clubs, or a club that throws registered targets. Beau said he thought the CTA “Canada Cup” idea to provide added money to clubs in a competitive way would be an interesting idea. Bert said we will have to re-visit this idea and solidify a potential plan in the future. BJ said he thought it was a good idea and might spur on some of our smaller clubs.
  4. **TITSC Registered Shoots:** Beau said he has been in contact with Margherita at TITSC and that all seems to be progressing well to have themselves organized to throw registered targets this coming year. Bert asked if they were in fact Saturday shoots, and Beau confirmed that they are.
  5. **OPTA Membership Fee:** Bert said that he had some concerns about our previous motion to lower the OPTA membership to \$10 and raising our daily fees. He said that our ongoing expenses make it somewhat prohibitive to our finances. Emily said it should stay at \$20 long-term and that maintaining the status quo is a good idea. Lori asked if this is something we had to decide right now, and Bert said it would be a good idea to know before our Provincials and AGM. BJ asked for some clarity on the numbers, and Beau said in the average year, lowering to \$10 creates about \$1000 decrease in revenue. Discussion ensued about the merits of various scenarios for the shooter fees. Ron made a motion to keep the membership at \$20 and the daily fee at \$3 moving forward. Emily seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*
  6. **Pre-Squad:** Bert gave some history on our use of the Pre-Squad service. This was a service that was provided free to shooters during 2021 to limit people congregating in the clubhouse. Beau said it cost about \$150 a year to pay for the service, but that it generates about \$850-900 in revenue per year, and that about 35% of entries are pre-squadded annually in a normal year. BJ said this is likely to go up, since people are looking for the convenience. B.J. made a motion to charge for pre-squadding moving forward. Lori seconded. *7 in favour, 1 abstention. Carried.*

### 3. Monthly finances

1. **Review of current year-to-date financial results:** Beau said we needed to approve the last financials with the accountant and asked if there were any issues. BJ said he had no issues with anything he saw. Bert reminded everyone this was an audit this year, and not simply a review. Pam made a motion to accept the draft audit for the year ending August 31, 2021. Beau seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*
2. **Dealing with CRA/GIC:** The CRA sent the OPTA a T5 slip for the past year, but that capital gains/income tax was not owed due to our Not-for-Profit status. He also said our small GIC of \$3500 has automatically renewed, coming due again in April 2023.
3. **OCS Funding:** Bert said there was a substantial amount of money from the OCS that could potentially be available to our association and affiliate clubs. Beau said he had responded to the email and asked the OCS as to our next steps. Emily said the last time the OCS received money, they decided to split it evenly and not withhold anything at the OCS level. Beau said he would continue to stay in contact with the OCS on this opportunity.

### 4. New business/Open Discussion

1. **OPTA Trophy Report:** Lori had a presentation of the Trophy Committees ideas for the upcoming Provincial Shoot. She detailed the various choices, awards, and recommended changes of awarding class/place on our Preliminary days, and not awarding category awards. She said there would be a one-time die cost we would have to incur, but that we could continue to use the die/stamp moving forward. She said the overall cost of our trophies would not go up, pending getting a new quote. Bert re-iterated that our trophy package is substantially better than most shoots, and Lori said we should be very proud of our trophy package at the Provincial Shoot. Discussion ensued. BJ said he thought the new trophy package is a great idea moving forward. Lori made a motion to accept the trophy package as presented. B.J. seconded. *All in favour. Carried.*
2. **Unclaimed OPTA Trophies:** Emily asked about getting a list of people who did not collect their trophies last year. Lori said she would type out a list and send it out. Emily asked if potentially we could mail the trophies out to shooters who do not claim them on a cost recovery basis.
3. **OPTA Meet the All-Stars:** Peter was not in attendance but Beau said he had spoke to Peter about this initiative. Peter had said he would speak with the Hamilton Gun Club about timelines, or potentially when it would occur. Depending on the schedule for this, it could be a one-day event, or take place during an OPTA shoot. We will leave it with Peter to plan out.
4. **OPTA Shoot Date:** The HGC has planned to hold the Provincial skeet championships the same weekend as our shoot. This will make for a busy club for sure, and could be a problem for campers. Verne said he has heard from some out of province shooters are happy to see the shoot finish on Sunday, which would allow them to come shoot and then travel to the Grand American.
5. **National Range Day:** This year it is on June 4, 2022. Emily said she thought the OPTA and affiliate clubs should get on board to promote trapshooting at this event. Bert asked for thoughts on this, and if we should email the clubs. Ron said the email has already been sent out to clubs.
6. **Western Firearms Association:** Emily had been in contact with them about upcoming events. They are forced to cap their participation at 12 students at EESA, due to having to share the facility with members. Beau agreed that the event he attended was rather hectic with members and students sharing the single trap. There is an opportunity for a club to host these students moving forward. BJ asked if this was the group that Beau had worked with, and it is. Emily re-iterated that the club is welcoming the students but that the cap on attendance is prohibitive to growth. Beau asked if Verne could host the students at his farm, and he is open to helping the students moving forward.

7. **Update from Ron:** Ron was happy to have the club donate \$500 to the upcoming Provincial Shoot. He would like to see the money used to sponsor an event on behalf of the Napanee District Rod & Gun Club. We will keep discussing our options for sponsors moving forward.
  8. **George Jonckheere Obituary** – Emily said she had sent an obituary for George to be published in an upcoming issue of Trap & Field. This effort was much appreciated by everyone.
5. Next meeting date – Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:30 pm.
  6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.
- Items on hold for future discussion –
- Strategic Plan
  - Hall of Fame Building/Home Grounds